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First off, I'm not writing this letter to crush Microsoft. Cause I know it will not happen in my lifetime. Second off, I'm not writing this letter to ask for anything more than your time. Cause I know I'm not a US Citizen or anu special person.

To me, Microsoft is abusing too much on its domination power. I won't call this a monopoly, since They have not controlled the whole market. Just... almost dominate it. And when more people are moving into Microsoft world than moving out of it, this is the proof that Microsoft is abusing its dominance. There should be an equal balance. Everyone knows that. When one company become larger and larger, the small get smaller. When the rich get richer, the poorer can't get any richer. When thing get out of controlled, it must be controlled.

I'm not saying that government should intervene in the business world. It would destroy the fair competition. But this is an exception. The existence of Microsoft has almost made fair competiton thing of the past. To proof my point. Why would Microsoft, tried so hard to open out AOL Instant Messenger's network? Would they do so if they can't be sure that they can win out even in a fair competition environment? If that's the case, then this means Microsoft has grown too big. They've covered almost all the segments of Tech industry and they are getting stronger.

I can't bear to see what fair competition will look like in the next 10 years. Or 20 years. Forget about start-ups innovation, or innovation-that-made-people-free-to-decide. Just look at dominate-more-industry-kind-of-innovation by big corporations. You call that having IE inside an operating system an innovation? What about XML? To me, it's a real innovation as they proliferates communication of different and incompatible devices or software to talk to each other and share information. Java too, is a good one. And Microsoft has tried hard to destroy this kind of innovation. Even though Microsoft does not seems to hate XML. They are making their own version of XML... again... after the Java.

Well, I really don't know but I don't see MS Word to use XML and can be open with any other word processor. I still can't see windows app fully utilizing XML and can be run on any operating system. I just don't see that happening. They're still depending on their dominance, reluctant to cut prices and to give consumer more freedom to choose.

Over the years and have seen step by step by Microsoft how to destroy open standards and to develop their own standards and to gain more market share and force other companies or consumer to use their

software and uneasy to migrate to other platforms. Until I can see Microsoft providing a full migration software from windows to Linux or other OSes this will remain true. If I was the judge I will prosecute them on the fact that they reduced consumer's choice and implementing features to made migration to other platforms a harder task alone. Not to mentioned that their shown of a monopoly company's behavior by implementing their own remedy. By donating more Microsoft software to school for... FREE? And... to get more market share? What kind of remedy is that?

That's all I have to say whether that this letter will taken into account, depends on the intelligence of the people that will be reading this letter.